

effective January 1, 1997, based upon a formula which takes into consideration the number of child protective services, foster care, and adoption cases, and child protective services, foster care, and adoption workers and supervisors necessary to meet recommended standards adopted by the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services. No local match shall be required as a condition for receipt of these funds.

(k) The sum of nine hundred eleven thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$911,687) appropriated in this section in (i) the Social Services Block Grant and (ii) in the TANF Block Grant transferred to the Social Services Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Special Children Adoption Fund, for the 1998-99 fiscal year shall be used to implement this subsection. Of the monies in the Special Children Adoption Fund, the Department shall award a minimum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to licensed private adoption agencies. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, in consultation with the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services and representatives of licensed private adoption agencies, shall develop guidelines for the awarding of funds to licensed public and private adoption agencies upon successful placement for adoption of children described in G.S. 108A-50 and in foster care. Payments received from the Special Children Adoption Fund by participating agencies shall be used to enhance the adoption services program. No local match shall be required as a condition for receipt of these funds.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, shall evaluate the cost-effectiveness of county departments of social services and licensed public and private adoption agencies in placing children who are in the custody of the county departments of social services and report the results of this evaluation by May 1, 1999, to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Human Resources and the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources.

(l) If funds appropriated through the Child Care and Development Fund, which includes the Child Care and Development Block Grant, for any program cannot be obligated or spent in that program within the obligation or liquidation periods allowed by the federal grants, the Department may move funds to other programs, in accordance with federal requirements of the grant, in order to use the federal funds fully.

(m) The sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) appropriated in this section in the TANF Block Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services for the 1998-99 fiscal year and transferred to the Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant for transfer to the Department of Community Colleges shall be used to continue the three model early childhood education centers in three community colleges, one in the eastern part of the State, one in the western part of the State, and one in the Piedmont.

(n) The sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) appropriated in the Social Services Block Grant to the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Health and Human Services, for services for the Developmentally Disabled waiting list shall be used for the 1998-99 fiscal year to provide person-